

APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A pneumatic tire comprising a tread portion divided into a central region and both side regions, at least one rib-shaped main land part formed in the central region and extending substantially in parallel to an equatorial plane of the tire, a plurality of main slant grooves extending obliquely from the central region toward each tread end of the tread portion with respect to the equatorial plane to form first slant land parts among these main slant grooves, in which [the] each first slant land part has a plane form of approximately a triangle gradually increasing a width of the land part from a side of the equatorial plane toward a side of the tread end, and a first auxiliary land part having such a slope that a height of the land part gradually decreases toward a groove bottom of the main slant groove is arranged between the rib-shaped main land part and the main slant groove.

9. (Amended) A pneumatic tire according to claim 6, wherein a [second] circumferential fine groove extending substantially in parallel to the equatorial plane [and having a sectional shape similar to that of the first circumferential fine groove] is arranged at a boundary between the first slant land part and the second slant land part wherein:

said circumferential fine groove has a sectional shape such that a groove width becomes wide at a position of the groove bottom and becomes narrow at a position of a ground contact face of the tread portion.

11. (Amended) A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein an angle between the ground contact face of the rib-shaped main land part and the slope of the first auxiliary land part[, an angle between the ground contact face of the first slant land part and the slope of the second auxiliary land part and an angle between the ground contact face of the first joint part and the slope of the third auxiliary land part are] is within a range of 135-170°, respectively.

Claims 12 and 13 are added as new claims.